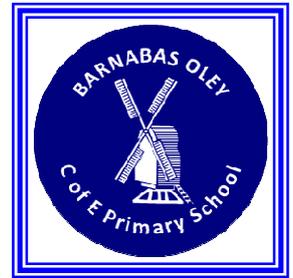


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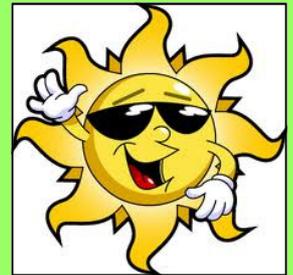
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July 18th 2017

Wish me luck as you wave me goodbye!

Dear Parents and Carers

Unbelievably, we are reaching the end of a very exciting year for the children at Barnabas Oley. We will soon be saying farewell to our Year 6's and wishing them the very best in their new schools. We know that they will take happy memories with them and we look forward to hearing about their next adventures.



May I take this opportunity to thank all of our parents and friends for their support to the school over this year. It has made a huge difference to have valued community support and the children have really benefitted as a result. Many, many, thanks!

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mrs Becky Smith'.

Mrs Becky Smith

Headteacher



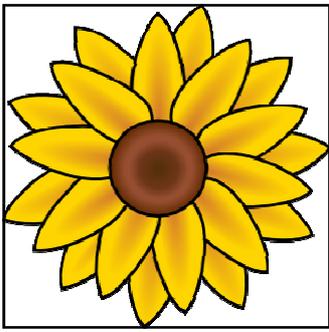
Founders Day 2017



Our Founder's Day service is taking place on Thursday 20th July at 1.45pm in St. Bartholomew's Church. We welcome parents to attend, especially parents of our Year 6 Leavers. We respectfully ask that pre-school children and babies do not attend unless this is absolutely unavoidable. If you do need to bring a younger child, they will need to sit on your lap, as space is extremely limited and as this is a formal occasion we ask that you take your child out of the service immediately should they make any noise or disturbance.

During the service, each class will present an item that they have been working on in class following the theme of 'How we used to Live.' The Choir will perform and there will be an address from the Reverend Dr Jamie Hawkey, Dean and Director of Studies in Theology from Clare College. There will be a presentation of Bibles to our Leavers and awards given for achievement and endeavour.

The service will finish by 3.00pm, allowing time for the children to return to school to collect their belongings and leave school at the usual time. Year 6 children and their guests will attend the Leavers Tea in the school hall.



Dates for your diaries

Wednesday 20th July	Icecream Sales
Thursday 20th July	Founder's Day 1.45pm
Friday 21st July	Last Day of the School Year
ADVANCE NOTICES	
Monday 4th September	Staff Training Day (no school for pupils)
Tuesday 5th September	Back to School 'Tissues and Tears' PTA– Reading Rooms 9.00am
Monday 11th September	3.15pm Meet the teacher. You are invited to come into class to meet your child's teacher and receive helpful information to support your child over the year.
Tuesday 12th September	Parent Helper Training– annual training for all parents who wish to support in school.
27th-29th September	Year 5 and Year 6 : Bushcraft Residential
Saturday 30th September	Gransden Agricultural Show
Thursday 5th October	Harvest Festival @ the Church 9.30am. Produce donated will be given to the Salvation Army Food bank.
Thursday 12th October	Curriculum evening for parents on teaching and progression in English. Workshops will include, Reading, Writing and Grammar.
Tuesday 31st October	Parent Consultation Evening
Wednesday 1st November	Parent Consultation Evenings

♪ I see your true colours, shining through ,
So don't be afraid to let them show your true colours. ♪

A BIG Thank you!

The PTA would like to thank parents, children, friends, family and staff for all your wonderful support this year. The fete and Barnabas Oley's Got Talent alone raised just over £2,000. Along with our other ventures this year, you've helped fund a £500 donation for books, £3,000 for the swimming pool, extra staging for £599, a new "wheely" cooker for £1,950 and the furniture for the reflection garden for £1,275. That's on top of the usual trips and the Christmas Pantomime. All these extras really help to make the school an even better place for our children, and we are eternally grateful!

Your PTA

Star of the Week awards

During Celebration assembly on Fridays, children are set a challenge which will help to foster positive attitudes throughout our school. The following children have received Star of the Week Awards.

For "P.E"

Holly	Belle Bickerdike
Maple	Elliot Swallow
Willow	Alfie Kemp
Silver Birch	Billy McLaughlin
Cedar	Eddie Green

For "Being amazing at"

Holly	Ava Hoffmann
Maple	Toby Pentlow
Willow	Penny Davis
Silver Birch	Ella Dutton
Cedar	Michael Moretto



For "Resilience"

Holly	Remy Fox
Maple	Max Wilamowski
Willow	Penny Davis
Silver Birch	Luke Roberts
Cedar	George Cain

For "Helpfulness"

Holly	Annabelle Wilkins
Maple	Henry Green
Willow	Annie Watson-Steele
Silver Birch	Jenna Whinney
Cedar	Archie Black

These awards are given by Mrs Smith for work or behaviour that has made their teacher/Headteacher say "Wow!"

The following award has been given;

Rosa Allen	Maple Class	Painted Victorian Portrait
Belle Bickerdike	Holly Class	Paper Dolls
Freddie Brooks-Higgs	Holly Class	Maths Homework
Ruben Polonyi	Holly Class	Photograph Homework
Thomas Fordham	Holly Class	Aqua Beads
Emily Fordham	Holly Class	Aqua Beads

Congratulations !



GOVERNOR NEWS

World War 2 School Trip (KS2)

Benjamin Franklin once said: *"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn"*, so it was valuable that in order to learn more about the Second World War, the pupils from Key Stage 2 were taken to Stibbington on a day trip.

The day revolved around learning through involvement: from the moment we arrived at Stibbington, we were all playing a character, the children were evacuees and the teaching staff were the adults who accompanied the evacuees to their new temporary homes.

The visit was packed full of activities and experiences, all based around a day at school, led by our guide and 'teacher' Miss Smith. The first task the pupils had to do was to complete their National Identity Cards (replicas of those used during the war). A typical WW2 lunch was served - Spam sandwiches on brown bread, spiced fruit cake, squash and an apple. Most children tried the Spam and many were pleasantly surprised, with one little girl liking it so much she wondered if it was possible to buy it nowadays, too?!

Miss Smith held a 'lesson' on spellings and everyone got to write using a quill pen dipped in ink - an interesting task enjoyed by all, especially since the writing had to be blotted with blotting paper too. The lesson was interrupted so the class could listen to the radio and hear a message from Princess Elizabeth to the evacuees (this was a real recording of the actual broadcast from 1940). An important part of life in the 1940s was knowing how to put on a gas mask, so this was practised until everyone got it right. The lesson continued until, all of a sudden, the air raid siren went off so we were evacuated to the bomb shelter, a dark, very narrow room. This proved to be a bit too realistic for some of the children, who were eager to get out!

The last activity was learning how to do laundry using the implements of the day (it was considered polite for evacuees to help with little jobs round the house) -in the dolly tub with the posser, using grated soap and then putting the wet clothes through the mangle. Everybody was eager to take part in this activity, until they realised that actually it was a lot of hard work!

After a long, busy day, these were some of the comments from the pupils, showing how their involvement in the day had helped them learn a little about what life was like for evacuee children in 1940:

"It really felt like the last day I had seen my home"

"Although I knew it was pretend, the alarm and the air raid shelter were scary"

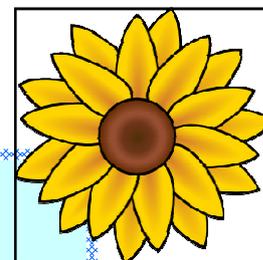
"They did their washing quite differently back then"

"I was disappointed when Miss Smith did not bring in any hosts because I really did feel like I was an evacuee"



Mrs Pitalis-Bliss – Parent Governor

News and Up-dates



Class Organisation 2017-2018

	<u>Teacher(s)</u>	<u>Teaching Assistants</u>
Holly Class	Mrs Hussey Mrs Watson (PPA)	Mrs Elkington Mrs Watson
Maple Class	Mrs Mansell Mrs Dorsett Mrs Smith (PPA Autumn 1)	Miss McDonald Mrs Saul
Willow Class	Miss Jarvis Mrs Dorsett (PPA) Mr Greaves/Ms Ostler (PPA Autumn 1)	Mrs Jackson
Silver Birch	Miss Williams Ms Ostler (PPA)	Mrs Taylor
Cedar	Mrs Downes Ms Ostler (PPA)	Mrs Hipwell

Bye Bye

The end of the school year is a time when we also say goodbye to some members of staff.

Mrs Sally Rundle will be leaving us after many years as a Teaching Assistant at the school, along with **Mrs Nicky Osborne** from Cedar class. We wish them both well in their future plans and thank them for all their amazing efforts in our school.

Mrs Nicola Maroncelli will also be leaving us this term. She has worked for the past couple of years as a PPA teacher for Holly class and has been a staff member at Barnabas Oley for many years. We wish her all the very best.

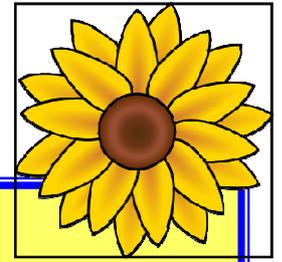
Finally we must say farewell to **Mrs Ruth Duffett**, one of our choir teachers. Ruth has taught our choir for six years. We would like to thank her for her contribution to our school and wish her well for the future.

Lost Property

Please check Lost Property before the end of term. Any unclaimed items will be re-cycled over the Summer break.



News and Up-dates



End of Term arrangements

Term finishes on Friday 21st July at 3.15pm. Children are allowed to bring named games to share with their friends on the last day. Please can you check that all P.E kit is taken home and don't forget pencil cases and musical instruments and lunchboxes!

Most children will be bringing school work home. A spare named carrier bag for this would be very helpful!

Date	What is happening?	What do I need to do?
Wednesday 19th July	Founder's Day rehearsal am Maple class swimming pm	Bring Instruments, if playing Swimming Kit for Maple Class
Thursday 20th July	Founder's Day Leaver's Tea 3.30pm	Smart uniform for all pupils Year 6 and families invited
Friday 21st July	Y6—t-shirt signing Treat Time!	Y6 bring in t-shirt for signing (not to be worn) and pen Bring in named games to share with friends



The PTA invites you to join us at

Tissues and Tears

Tuesday 5th September

From 9.00am until the tea runs dry

Reading Rooms, Fox Street, Great Gransden

If you are feeling at all sad to see your little one(s) starting/back to school come and join us to meet other parents and have a cuppa and a chat. Tissues provided!